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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) San Diego – Border Crisis: 300 Troops Shifted to California for Border Duty**

(U) The military says about 300 troops who had been deployed in south Texas and Arizona as part of a border security mission have been moved to California for similar work. In a statement yesterday, US Northern Command says the 300 include military police and engineering and logistics troops. They were moved to California over the past several days. The military's role is limited largely to erecting barriers along the US-Mexico border and providing transportation and logistical support to Customs and Border Protection.

SOURCE: 26 November 2018, [ABC 7](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Texas – US Border Protection Arrest 13 Attempting to Smuggle Across US-Mexico Border**

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents working north of Laredo on US 83 arrested a man attempting to smuggle 12 undocumented immigrants. Agents from the Laredo North Station conducted a vehicle stop on a pick-up truck that was traveling north on US 83. The driver of the vehicle pulled into a local store's parking lot and came to a stop. As the agents approached, they noticed several people concealed in the cargo and passenger cab areas of the vehicle.

SOURCE: 26 November 2018, [Laredo Morning Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Florida – Seven Cruise Ship Crew Members Arrested for Drug Smuggling**

(U) Miami – Seven cruise ship members, including the younger brother of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez, have been arrested at the Port of Miami on drug and weapon charges. Juan Antonio 'Tony' Hernandez is accused of conspiring with criminal networks in Mexico and Colombia 'to flood American streets with deadly drugs,' DEA agent Raymond Donovan said in a statement. Hernandez, a former congressman with alleged ties to a notorious Honduran drug cartel, is set to appear in a Miami court. He faces up to life in prison if he is found guilty of charges which include conspiring to import cocaine into the United States, and related weapons charges. Another cruise ship employee, Damion Hawthorne, 32, was arrested on charges of hiring five of the crew members into the smuggling operation.

SOURCE: 26 November 2018, [Daily Mail](#)

(U) New York – Woman Pleads Guilty to Providing Material Support to ISIS

(U) New York City – Zoobia Shahnaz, 27, of Brentwood, New York, pleaded guilty to providing material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist organization. Between March 2017 and the date of her attempted travel to Syria on July 31, 2017, the defendant engaged in a scheme to defraud numerous financial institutions. Specifically, Shahnaz obtained a loan for approximately \$22,500 by way of materially false pretenses, representations and promises. She also fraudulently applied for and used over a dozen credit cards, which she used to purchase approximately

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\$62,000 in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies online. She then engaged in a pattern of financial activity, culminating in several wire transactions totaling over \$150,000 to individuals and shell entities in Pakistan, China and Turkey that were fronts for ISIS.

SOURCE: 26 November 2018, [US DOJ Press Release](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Libya – ISIS Leader Who Escaped Sirte Captured in Bani Walid**

(U) Tripoli – A source in the Bani Walid Security Room confirmed the arrest of ISIS leader Adel al-Saghir Al-Werfalli, a fugitive who had escaped the city of Sirte during the battles to liberate it. The source said Al-Werfalli was arrested in a house located on Bani Walid's Airport Road after the Security Room had received a tip.

SOURCE: 26 November 2018, [Al-Wasat News](#)

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